10. During Prime Minister's visit to Hungary, Protocol on Cooperation between Doordarshan and Hungarian T. V. was signed.

Deal with District Magistrates

4319. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:
DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the reaction of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister to the moves of the Centre to deal directly with District Magistrates in the State as reported by "Business Standard" of 12th July, 1988; and

(b) whether Government propose to refer to the Centre-State Relations Commission and or to the supreme Court of India for guidance on constitutional issue involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES, PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS SHRI (P. CHIDAMBARAM):

(a) This Ministry has not come across and is unable to locate the news item mentioned in the Question in the 'Business Standard' of 12-7-1988 Nor has it received any communication in this regard from the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister.

(b) Workshops of District Magistrates/Collectors were held during December, 1987 to June, 1988 on 'Responsive Administration' (Point 20 of the Twenty Point Programme). About 1/5th of District Magistrates/Collectors were nominated by the respective State Government to participate in each of the workshops. The statement that the Centre was dealing directly with the District Magistrate is without basis.

There is, therefore, no question of making a reference to any Centre-State Relations Commission or the Supreme Court of India.

Import of Heavy Water

4320. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after country's detonation of an underground atomic device in 1974 derived from heavy water, the suppliers of heavy water had imposed stringent export conditions on heavy water, if so, what are the details therefor; and

(b) what is its impact on the nuclear power programme of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) :

(a) The origin of international restrictions on supply of nuclear materials as well as on certain non-nuclear materials including Heavy Water is dated earlier than 1974. Therefore, any restriction on supply of these materials, including heavy water to India cannot be entirely attributed to its peaceful nuclear experiment of 1974.

(b) The restrictions imposed on supply of heavy water by Canada delayed commissioning of the second unit of the Rajasthan Atomic Power Station. To overcome this difficulty, India entered into an agreement with the USSR for supply of Heavy water. The heavy water required for Rajathan Atomic Power Station alone is purchased from USSR and the rest of the requirement for heavy water is not through production from our own plants, which is adequate to meet the present demand. Work on setting up/planning for additional capacities is on hand for meeting the long term requirements of heavy water.